

# MESOZOIC ERA TIMELINE

**Triassic Period** 252 - 201 MYA

*The emergence of the first dinosaurs and Pangea supercontinent.*

**Coelophysis** Small, slender bipedal carnivore.

**Herrerasaurus** One of the earliest known apex predators.

**Jurassic Period** 201 - 145 MYA

*The golden age of giants and the appearance of birds.*

**Brachiosaurus** Colossal herbivore with long neck.

**Stegosaurus** Plated herbivore with spiked tail.

**Allosaurus** Large theropod with distinctive brow horns.

**Archaeopteryx** Transitional fossil between dinos and birds.

**Cretaceous Period** 145 - 66 MYA

*Diversification of flowering plants and the final extinction event.*

**Tyrannosaurus Rex** The famous "King" of the lizards.

**Triceratops** Three-horned herbivore with large frill.

**Velociraptor** Feathered, intelligent pack hunter.

**Parasaurolophus** Duck-billed dino with a tubular head crest.